

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 27, 1982

and

Tuesday, September 28, 1982

JESSE M. KNOWLES
CHAIRMAN

New Orleans, Louisiana

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

September 27, 1982

and

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Chairman Jesse M. Knowles, presiding

Members present:

Mr. Wayne Ducote
Mr. James Farrelly
Mr. J. C. Gilbert
Mr. Charles A. Riggs
Mr. George N. Gray

Secretary Jesse J. Guidry was present.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Jesse M. Knowles, on Monday September 27, at 2:00 p.m., at the Monteleone Hotel, 214 Royal St., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Motion was made by James Farrelly, seconded by Mr. Charles A. Riggs, and passed unanimously, that the Commission go into a committee of the whole.

Invocation was offered by Commissioner James Farrelly.

A roll call of members present was taken.

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Motion was made by Mr. James Farrelly, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously, that a renewal of permit be granted to T. L. James & Company, Inc. to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, left descending bank, Mile 108 A.H.P. in the vicinity of Harahan, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

(The full text of the resolution
is here made a part of the record)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to T. L. James & Company to remove fill material from the Mississippi River at the left descending bank, at approximately Mile Post 108 A.H.P., in the vicinity of Harahan, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from September 28, 1982 to September 28, 1983 at a royalty rate of 10¢ per cubic yard.

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Motion was made by Mr. James Farrelly, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously, that a renewal of permit be granted to T. L. James & Company, Inc. to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, left descending bank, Mile 86.8 to 87.35 A.H.P. in the vicinity of Meraux, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

(The full text of the resolution
is here made a part of the record)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to T. L. James & Company to remove fill material from the Mississippi River at the left descending bank, at approximately Mile 86.8 to 87.35 A.H.P. in the vicinity of Meraux, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from September 28, 1982 to September 28, 1983 at a royalty rate of 10¢ per cubic yard.

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Motion was made by Mr. James Farrelly, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously, that a renewal of permit be granted to T. L. James & Company, Inc., to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, left descending bank, Mile 116 and 117 A.H.P. in the vicinity of Almedia, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to T. L. James & Company to remove fill material from the Mississippi River at the left descending bank, at approximately Mile 116 to 117 A.H.P., in the vicinity of Almedia, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from September 28, 1982 to September 28, 1983 at a royalty rate of 10¢ per cubic yard.

Motion was made by Mr. James Farrelly, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously, that a renewal of permit be granted to T. L. James & Company, Inc., to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, right descending bank, Mile 102 to 103 A.H.P. in the vicinity of Westwego, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

(The full text of the resolution
is here made a part of the record)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to T. L. James & Company to remove fill material from the Mississippi River at the right descending bank, at approximately Mile 102 to 103 A.H.P., in the vicinity of Westwego, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from September 28, 1982 to September 28, 1983 at a royalty rate of 10¢ per cubic yard.

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Motion was made by Mr. James Farrelly, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously, that a renewal of permit be granted to T. L. James & Company, Inc., to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, right descending bank, Mile 60.0 to 62.0 A.H.P. in the vicinity of Ironton, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

(The full text of the resolution
is here made a part of the record)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to T. L. James & Company to remove fill material from the Mississippi River at the right descending bank, at approximately Mile 60.0 to 62.0 A.H.P., in the vicinity of Ironton, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from September 28, 1982 to September 28, 1983 at a royalty rate of 10¢ per cubic yard.

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Motion was made by Mr. James Farrelly, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously, that a renewal of permit be granted to T. L. James & Company, Inc., to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, right descending bank, Mile 150.5 to 152.0 A.H.P. in the vicinity of Vacherie, St. James Parish, Louisiana.

(The full text of the resolution
is here made a part of the record)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to T. L. James & Company to remove fill material from the Mississippi River at the right descending bank, at approximately Mile 150.5 to 152.0 A.H.P. in the vicinity of Vacherie, St. James Parish, Louisiana for a period of one year from September 28, 1982 to September 28, 1983 at a royalty rate of 10¢ per cubic yard.

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Motion was made by Mr. James Farrelly, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously, that a renewal of permit be granted to AAA Dirt & Sand Inc., formerly Diez Dirt and Sand Hauling, Inc. to remove fill material from the Amite River, 3/4 miles west of the Port Vincent Bridge, Ascension Parish, Louisiana.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to AAA Dirt and Sand Inc., to remove fill material from the Amite River, 3/4 miles west of the Port Vincent Bridge, Ascension Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from September 28, 1982 to September 28, 1983 at a royalty rate of 10¢ per cubic yard.

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Motion was made by Mr. Charles A. Riggs, seconded by Mr. J. C. Gilbert, and passed unanimously, that the resolution on oyster season in Calcasieu Lake be adopted.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record)

We recommend that Calcasieu Lake oyster season for the 1982-83 season be set in accordance with the following rules and regulations: That the oyster season in Calcasieu Lake be fixed to extend from ½ hour before to sunrise on Monday, November 1, 1982 to ½ hour after sunset on Thursday, March 31, 1983, with the right being reserved to close said season sooner if biologically justifiable.

That oyster fishing be limited only to the use of tongs and daylight hours. That open areas shall be confined to the areas of Calcasieu Lake with the exception of Calcasieu River, the Ship Channel, East Fork and West Fork and Oyster Bayou which shall be closed.

The 3" culling law shall be observed by all fishermen fishing the area and that culls be scattered around the perimeter of the reefs to provide for expansion of future harvesting, that the taking of oysters for commercial purposes shall be limited to 15 sacks per boat, per day.

All oysters shall be put into sacks before leaving the oyster fishing area in Calcasieu Lake. Oysters not in sacks leaving the fishing area in Calcasieu Lake shall be confiscated and violators subject to the penalty set forth in Title 56, Section 15.

The taking of oysters for home consumption shall be limited to three bushels or 2 sacks a day.

All commercial fishing for oysters shall be done only with the proper license and the sacks of oysters be properly tagged before leaving the fishing vessel. All sacks entering into commerce shall be tagged and we further recommend that the Secretary be authorized and empowered to change the limit or close the season when biologically justifiable.

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Mr. Harry Schafer gave the monthly survey report as follows: 97 applications scheduled, 45 surveyed 20 no-shows, 14 cancelled by request, 18 unable to survey and 4 disputes settled.

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Motion was made by Mr. George Gray, seconded by Mr. Charles Riggs, and passed unanimously, to ratify adoption of the Notice of Intent for seismic and right-of-way fees.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has numerous wildlife management areas, refuges and other land holdings, and

WHEREAS, numerous requests are received for crossing these wildlife areas for seismic and other right-of-way purposes, and

WHEREAS, an increase in fees for this purpose is recommended, and

WHEREAS, the recommended fees are as follows:

Seismic Fees:

- 1) \$200.00 per shot point
- 2) \$2,000.00 per mile for reflective or refractive calbe

Right-of-way:

- 1) 1 to 50 ft. (width), not less than \$100.00 per rod

- 2) 51 to 100 ft. (width), not less than \$200 per rod
- 3) Over 100 ft. (width), special considerations and fees will be charged based on each individual request
- 4) Small public utility rights-of-way (telephone, water, gas, etc.), \$1.00 per linear foot up to a maximum of 15 feet (width)
- 5) Oil or gas "gatherine lines" not to exceed 4" in diameter, 1 to 50 ft. (width), not less than \$50.00 per rod

All fees are to be paid in advance of the requested work, nor

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission adopt these proposed seismic and right-of way fees on all lands owned and operated by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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Motion was made by Mr. J. C. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. James Farrelly, and passed unanimously that the Department co-sponsor a pamphlet with the Louisiana chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation.

Our technical personnel will assist in the preparation of the pamphlet and include a statement in the pamphlet that it was published at no cost to the State.

(The full text of the resolution here is made part of the record)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation has prepared a pamphlet that outlines the principles of hunter safety, hunter ethics, game law enforcement, management practices, and firearms guidelines as they pertain to the wild turkey in Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of this Department to promote good sportsmanship, good hunter - landowner relationships, sound wildlife management practices, sound habitat management practices and public support for the wild turkey in Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is deeply involved in a wild turkey restoration program, and

WHEREAS, this pamphlet will serve to educate the public in the principles of safe turkey hunting, reduction of crippling losses, habitat management, and hunter-landowner relations,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby endorses the wild turkey pamphlet prepared by the Louisiana Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and will join with this organization as a sponsor of said publication, provided that the Louisiana Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will bear the cost of Publication of this document.

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Motion was made by Mr. Wayne Ducote, seconded by Mr. George Gray, and passed unanimously to ratify adoption of the resolution on trapping season.

(The full text of the resolution is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, the fur industry of Louisiana represents a major resource of economy and income for many of the citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, this resource is a renewable natural one, which has proven under wise management to increase in importance in our state; and

WHEREAS, an annual harvest of the surplus animals is in keeping with wise wildlife management techniques based on scientific management; and

WHEREAS, fur prices at the trapper level were depressed during the 1981-82 trapping season resulting from the world economic situation, and

WHEREAS, the depressed price level combined with lowered abundance of nutria and muskrat yielded a moderate decrease in trapping success and effort, and

WHEREAS, additional Federal restrictions imposed by the Endangered Species Office concerning out-of-state shipment for otter and bobcat furs now require placement of a possession tag by trappers or buyers to insure state origin, and

WHEREAS, the zonation concept during the past season has proved workable and beneficial in reducing late caught unprime furs and has produced favorable comments generated within the fur industry, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish the 1982-83 fur bearers trapping season for the northern zone as being November 20, 1982 through February 15, 1983 and the southern zone as being December 1, 1982 through February 28, 1983; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached regulations governing the buying, tagging and shipment of bobcat and otter pelts are adopted for the 1982-83 trapping season.

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Motion was made by Mr. Charles Riggs, seconded by Mr. J. C. Gilbert, and passed unanimously to ratify adoption of the resolution to ban vehicular traffic on Bundicks Lake Dam.

(The full text of the resolution
is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, the driving of vehicles, motorbikes, and three-wheelers on the levee of Bundicks Lake Dam have caused ruts, holes, elimination of grass, and washing away of the levee, and

WHEREAS, the Beauregard Parish Police Jury and concerned citizens of Beauregard Parish have requested the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to prohibit motorized vehicles on the dam levee in order to prevent damage to the levee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby prohibit the driving of motorized vehicles on the Bundicks Lake dam levee, and be it further resolved that signs be erected denoting this prohibition and that agents of the Enforcement Division enforce this regulation.

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Motion was made by Mr. Goerge Gray, seconded by Mr. Jesse Knowles, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 1982 meeting.

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Motion was made by Mr. Wayne Ducote, seconded by Mr. James Farrelly, and passed by a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Wayne Ducote	-	yes
Mr. James Farrelly	-	yes
Mr. Goerge Gray	-	yes
Mr. J. C. Gilbert	-	no
Mr. Charles Riggs	-	no

(The full text of the resolution
is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, the Governor's Cost Control Commission has recommended the closure of the Lakefront Marine Maintenance Facility, and

WHEREAS, these recommendations have been submitted to the Governor for his approval and are awaiting his approval, and

WHEREAS, the reason cited for this closing of this facility and furnished to the Department are not adequate reasons for said closure with the information available, and

WHEREAS, an indepth study would demonstrate the need or usefullness of this facility and that some time is needed to complete this study,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission request that the Cost Control Commission established by the Governor send to the Department and to the Commission a detailed analysis of the reasons and recommendations for said closure of the Facility and that the Governor delay action on said closure of the Lakefront Marine Maintenance Facility, until said study is completed and a meeting is arranged with the Governor.

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Motion was made by Mr. Jesse Knowles, seconded by Mr. George Gray to have the Board Meeting on November 22 and 23 in Baton Rouge. A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Wayne Ducote	-	No
Mr. James Farrelly	-	No
Mr. George Gray	-	Yes
Mr. J. C. Gilbert	-	No
Mr. Charles Riggs	-	Yes

The vote was three to two against the Baton Rouge location.

The November Board Meeting is scheduled for November 22 and 23 in New Orleans.

Mr. Jesse Knowles, moved the adjourn the meeting.

Minutes transcribed by
Linda Gregson